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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Michele RUBERTELLI et al. :
Application No. 10/533,455 :
Filed: October 21, 2005 :
Attorney Docket No. 40306/GM/lp :

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 10, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action, mailed March 13, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A two (2) month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on June 14, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$405.00, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$810.00; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of March 13, 2008 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4231.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2434 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

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